SI. No	Name of the country	Inflow Amount		
		1997	1998	1999
10.	Mauritius	86694.18	155207.56	19211.03
11.	Netherlands	1752.40	—	—
12.	Philippines	612.50	—	—
13.	South Korea	245.00	311.06	—
14.	Thailand	11434.88	—	—
15.	U.K.	846.00	4940.00	—
16.	U.S.A.	4439.68	12069.80	100.00
17.	Others	217.29	73.97	—

Tax and Dividend paid by MTNL

961. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major objective for the incorporation of MTNL was to access the market to raise resources for the expansion programme of the DoT;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that each year the budget proposals have imposed ceilings on how much resources could be raised by MTNL from the market;

(c) if so, the ceilings indicated in the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the tax and dividends paid by the MTNL to Government during the last three years, year-wise and head-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR): (a) As per the object clause of the Memorandum of Associations of MTNL, one of the main objectives of the MTNL is to raise necessary financial resources for development needs for Telecommunications services in the areas managed by the Company and also for the other parts of the Telecommunication network in the country managed by the Telecommunications Board.

(b) Each year Planning Commission approves the Plan Outlay of DTS and MTNL which includes funding pattern of the Plan Outlay, i.e. amount to be met out of Internal Resources, Market Borrowings (Bonds), Budgetary Support and others,

(c) The approval of Planning Commission for raising Bonds for DOT/DTS and MTNL for the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as furnished below:

(Rs. in crores).

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
DOT	2741.00	2291.00	977.63
MTNL	447.15	730.00	1180.00

(d) The dividend and tax paid by MTNL to Government during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as furnished below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Dividend (Rs. in crores)	Tax Paid (Advance Paid)
1997-98	78.87	507.67
1998-99	114.63	643
1999-2000	106.31	598

Long Distance Telecom Services

962. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open long distance Telecom Services for competition;

(b) if so, whether it would drastically reduce the investible surplus of Department of Telecom Services and gradually push it towards sickness;

(c) whether it will reduce the valuation of DTS, which is likely to be corporatized;

(d) whether it will then defeat one of the important reasons for corporatizing the DTS; and

(e) what particular steps Government have in mind to avoid the